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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GW, UK

SUBJECT: U-2 CRASH IN WEST GERMANY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LATE ITEM CARRIED IN DEPARTMENT'S
MORNING SUMMARY: QUOTE AN AMERICAN U-2 BASED AT WEATHERS-
FIELD AIR BASE, ENGLAND, CRASHED EARLY TODAY IN WEST GERMANY
NSA REPORTS THE PLANE WENT DOWN APPROXIMATELY 35 MILES
FROM THE EAST GERMAN BORDER NEAR KASSEL. THE PILOT
BAILED OUT AND IS REPORTED UNINJURED.

THE PLANE, ONE OF THREE U-2S SIMULTANEOUSLY AIRBORNE OVER
WEST GERMANY, WAS ON A TACTICAL ELINT COLLECTION MISSION
WHEN THE MISHAP OCCURRED AT 2:58 EDT. NEITHER THE CAUSE
OF THE ACCIDENT NOR PRECISE DETAILS ON THE PLANE'S
GROUND TRACK AND ITS CLOSEST APPROACH TO THE EAST GERMAN
OR CZECHOSLOVAKIAN BORDERS ARE YET AVAILABLE HERE. END
QUOTE

2. LATER INFORMATION REPORTS PLANE CRASHED IN AN OPEN
FIELD. PILOT HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY USAF AND IS IN GOOD
HEALTH. INGERSOLL

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